## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

VELVIA WRIGHT

Plaintiff,

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO

PRAXIS FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED

Defendant.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2009** 

## COMPLAINT

- 1. Plaintiff seeks relief pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692; Md. Ann. Code <u>Commercial Law Maryland</u>
  Consumer Debt Collection Act. § 14-204 et seq. ("MCDCA"); and the Md. Ann.
  Code <u>Commercial Law Consumer Practices Act § 13-301 et seq.</u>
- 2. The Court's jurisdiction is conferred by 15 U.S.C.1692k and 28 U.S.C. 1331 and 1367.
  - 3. Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in Baltimore, MD.
  - 4. Plaintiff is a consumer within the FDCPA.
  - 5. Defendant is a debt collector within the FDCPA.
  - 6. Defendant is a collector within the MCDCA.
- 7. Defendant is a foreign corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts in the State of Maryland with a principal place of business located at 7301 N.

LINCOLN AVE., SUITE 110, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712-0000 and is authorized to do business in Maryland.

- 8. The principal purpose of Defendant business is the collection of debts and Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 9. Defendant communicated with Plaintiff or others on or after one year before the date of this action, in connection with collection efforts with regard to Plaintiff's disputed personal debt.
- 10. The Plaintiff contacted the Defendant via telephone in an attempt to dispute a debt alleged by Defendant to be owed by Plaintiff.
- 11. The Defendant advised Plaintiff that she had no right to dispute the alleged debt owed. This statement is false misleading and deceptive in violation of \$1692e and \$1692g.
- 12. Defendant failed to advise the Plaintiff of the required notice pursuant to §1692 e(11).
- 13. In the collection efforts, the Defendant violated the FDCPA; inter alia, section 1692 e, f and g.

## SECOND COUNT:

14. The allegations of the First Count are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

- 15. Based on information and belief, Defendant subsequently reported Plaintiff's account to the Credit Bureaus.
- 16. Based on information and belief, Defendant failed to report that the Plaintiff's account was disputed.
- 17. Based on information and belief, Defendant willfully or negligently reported the alleged debt to the Credit Bureaus, without note of the Plaintiff's dispute in violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §1681s-2(a)(3).
- 18. As a result of the above alleged FCRA violations, Plaintiff has suffered substantial actual damages in frustration, anger, humiliation, fee, embarrassment and other emotional and mental anguish.
- 19. As a result of these FCRA violations, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for statutory damages from pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1681n(a)(2), and for attorneys fees and costs pursuant to 1681n and 1681o.

## THIRD COUNT

- 20. The allegations of the First Count are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- 21. Within three years prior to the date of this action Defendant has engaged in acts and practices as to Plaintiff in violation of the Md. Ann. Code <u>Commercial Law Maryland Consumer Debt Collection Act § 14-204 et seq. ("MCDCA")</u>.
  - 22. Defendant has committed unfair or deceptive acts or practices within the

meaning of the Md. Ann. Code <u>Commercial Law</u> Consumer Practices Act § 13-301 et seq.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court to:

- 1. Award plaintiff statutory damages pursuant to the FDCPA;
- 2. Award plaintiff statutory damages pursuant to the FCRA;
- 3. Award the plaintiff costs of suit and a reasonable attorney's fee.
- 4. Award such other and further relief as this Court may see fit.

THE PLAINTIFF

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